

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-6 are allowable. Applicant has amended the Title above to implement the Examiner's kind suggestion and has amended claims 1 and 5 to overcome the Examiner's objection to them. The amendments to claims 1 and 5 make it clear that the cut-off portion of the flange, or, if more than one cut-off portion is formed, one or more cut-off portions of the flange, is positioned in a region of the stem in which no notch is present.

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